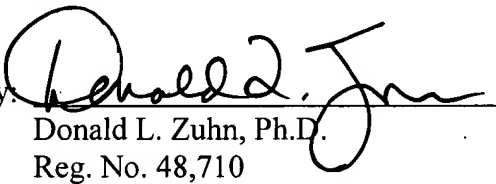


REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 17, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 34, and 36-39, as amended in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability, and claims 4-10, 22-25, 28, 31-33, 35, and 40-43 were allowed. Applicants present the above amendments to claims 1 and 35 to correct a typographical error and perceived omission in the Examiner's Amendment, and contend that no new matter has been added as a result of the above-described amendments. Applicants request that the Examiner direct any inquiries regarding this communication to the undersigned representative at 312-913-0001.

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